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and	)	
Implementation of Renewables	)	Docket No. 03-RPS-1078
Portfolio Standard Legislation	)	RPS Proceeding

**NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP ON  
2006 RPS PROCUREMENT VERIFICATION DATA REVIEW**

The Renewable Energy Office prepares the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Procurement Verification Report (Verification Report)* to report on the amount of eligible renewable energy procured each year by retail sellers of electricity towards meeting California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) procurement requirements. Although it is not legislatively mandated, the *Verification Report* is prepared as part of the Energy Commission's responsibilities under the RPS. The Energy Commission's Renewables Committee (Commissioner Julia Levin, Presiding Member, and Chairman Karen Douglas, Associate Member) are invited to this staff workshop to discuss staff's review of 2006 RPS Procurement Verification Data. The date, time and location of the workshop follow:

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009**  
9 a.m.  
**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**  
First Floor, Hearing Room A  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, California  
(Wheelchair Accessible)

After the workshop, staff intends to make any needed revisions to its analysis of RPS procurement data and report the results in a draft report, the *2006 RPS Procurement Verification Report (Verification Report)*. After the draft report is prepared, it will be made available for public comment and will be considered for adoption by the Energy Commission. Once the *Verification Report* is adopted by the Energy Commission, the report is transmitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for its use in applying flexible compliance rules and determining if retail sellers are in compliance with RPS procurement requirements.

[Attachment A](#) provides background information regarding outstanding RPS procurement claims. [Attachment B](#) provides questions regarding outstanding RPS procurement claims to guide the discussion during the workshop. Please be prepared to comment on the questions; staff invites parties to submit comments in writing and orally during the workshop.

## **Background**

In 2002, the RPS Standard was initiated under Senate Bill 107, Sher, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002) and required retail sellers of electricity to increase the amount of renewable energy they procure annually until 20 percent of their retail sales was made up of renewable electricity generation by December 31, 2017. In 2006, Senate Bill 107 Simitian, Chapter 464, Statutes of 2006) accelerated and codified the 20 percent RPS goal to 2010. On November 17, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order S-14-08 requiring that California utilities reach the 33 percent renewables goal by 2020.

The Energy Commission is charged with certifying eligible renewable energy resources that satisfy RPS procurement requirements, and developing an accounting system to verify retail sellers' compliance with the California RPS.

The *RPS Eligibility Guidebook* requires that the large Investor Owned Utilities, Energy Service Providers, Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities, and Community Choice Aggregators annually submit retail sales data and procurement information to the Energy Commission on the CEC-RPS-Track form by May 1, for the previous calendar year. Generation data from renewable generators and various public sources are used to verify that total procurement claims do not exceed actual generation.

To date, the Energy Commission has published *RPS Verification Reports for 2004 and 2005*. Beginning in 2006, the scope of the *RPS Verification Report* will increase relative to the reports released in previous years. Prior to 2006, the *Verification Report* only analyzed procurement from the three large Investor Owned Utilities: Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E); San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E); and Southern California Edison Company (SCE). Because the CPUC later established procurement and reporting requirements for other California retail sellers, the number of electric retail sellers that are included in the review has increased to about 14, and includes the large Investor Owned Utilities, Energy Service Providers and Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities. Because RPS targets begin in 2004 and the Energy Commission has not yet reported on the Energy Service Providers and Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities, the *2006 RPS Verification Report* will include an analysis of Energy Service Providers and Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities' claims from years 2004 through 2006, as well as a re-analysis of SCE's data, which SCE re-submitted in September, 2007 to account for discrepancies in the way generation amounts were calculated for some of its facilities. Additionally, corrections to PG&E and SDG&E's earlier year claims may be included.

Policy issues that will be addressed in the workshop fall under the following three headings: 1) procurement from “unbundled” energy contracts; 2) procurement from facilities without RPS certification; and 3) estimating incremental geothermal procurement. Background information concerning these topics is found in [Attachment A](#) and information to guide the workshop discussion on these topics is found in [Attachment B](#).

## **Public Comments**

Interested members of the public are encouraged to review the background material in [Attachment A](#) and review and comment on the questions posed in [Attachment B](#). Members of the public may submit written or verbal comments at the workshop on March 26, 2009. Written comments submitted after the workshop must be submitted by April 3, 2009.

Those submitting written comments should provide original and 11 copies to the Energy Commission’s Docket Unit. Those interested in filing comments by e-mail immediately may send electronic documents to [\[docket@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us) but will need to follow up with an original copy by mail or delivery to the Docket Unit. If you are providing written comments at the workshop, please make an additional 30 copies available at the beginning of the workshop. Written materials filed with the Docket Unit or provided at the workshop become part of the public record. Please send or deliver written materials to:

California Energy Commission  
**Re: Docket No. 02-REN-1038  
and Docket No. 03-RPS-1078**  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5504

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Members of the public who have technical questions regarding this notice may contact Gina Barkalow, RPS Procurement Verification Project Manager of the Renewable Energy Office, by phone at (916) 654-4057 or by e-mail at [\[gbarkalo@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:gbarkalo@energy.state.ca.us). News media should direct inquiries to the Media Office at (916) 654-4989 or by e-mail at [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

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